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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-16-90

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY GAIN COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: GAIN APPRAISAL PROGRAM THIRD REPORT

The purpose of this notice is to transmit a copy of the report entitled "GAIN Appraisal Program Third Report." The report was prepared by the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS) through a contract funded by this Department and administered by the State Department of Education.

The report updates the demographic and test score information presented in the second GAIN Appraisal Program Report (CASAS, 1987). It contains data gathered from July 1986 through April 1989 for over 121,500 participants and includes preliminary data from all 58 Counties. However, three of the State's largest and most demographically diverse Counties (Alameda, Los Angeles and San Francisco) account for only 2.6 percent of the sample. Thus, data collected in this report only represents a partial profile of the eventual Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) participant population statewide.

The report projects that approximately 54 percent (59 percent in the previous report) of the sample will require referral to Adult Basic Education or high school equivalency instruction. Findings show that those last attending high school in California scored significantly higher on both the GAIN Reading and Math scale scores compared to those not attending high school in California; and that the out-of-state group had a significantly higher percentage of people reporting non-English as their native language than the in-state group. These findings are based on the surveying of some 8,500 GAIN participants.

If you have any questions concerning the report, please contact your GAIN and Employment Services Operations Bureau analyst at (916) 324-6962.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dennis J. Boyle", is written over the typed name.

DENNIS J. BOYLE  
Deputy Director

Attachment to County Welfare  
Directors and GAIN Coordinators only.

cc: CWDA